

## Message Text

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P R 022238Z JUN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY LIMA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 311  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMA 4838

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT PE  
SUBJ: ELECTION DEVELOPMENTS

REF: (A) LIMA 4781, (B) LIMA 4724

1. APRA CO-SECRETARY ANDRES TOWNSEND PUBLICLY CORRECTED  
ERRONEOUS JUNE 1 NEWS ARTICLE (PARA 2, REFTEL A) AND  
REAFFIRMED APRA'S DETERMINATION TO TAKE PART IN THE JUNE 18  
ELECTIONS. TOWNSEND WAS RESPONDING TO ALLEGATION THAT APRA  
MIGHT WITHDRAW BECAUSE GOP HAD REFUSED TO ANNUL THE PREFERENTIAL  
VOTE. HIS STATEMENT DOES NOT RPT NOT ALTER THE FACT THAT  
APRA FACES A SERIOUS PROBLEM IF GOP FAILS TO LIFT MOST  
RESTRICTIONS ON ELECTORAL PROCESS SOON. A PPC LEADER WHO  
SHARES APRA'S CONCERN ABOUT THE NEED TO RESTORE GUARANTEES  
TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT HE IS OPTIMISTIC LIBERTIES WILL BE  
RESTORED DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS. BEDOYA REYES, HE NOTED,  
HAS SCHEDULED RALLIES IN LIMA'S PLAZA SAN MARTIN AND CALLAO  
JUNE 9 AND 13 AND EXPECTS TO HOLD TO THESE DATES.

2. GOP-CONTROLLED "EL COMERCIO" JUNE 2 CARRIED LONG EDITORIAL  
CRITICIZING SEVERAL POINTS OF APRA'S MAY 27 COMMUNIQUE (REF B)  
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AND DEFENDING GOP AS A VICTIM OF THE CAPITALIST CRISIS AND  
THE INADEQUATE STRUCTURES OF PERU'S TRADITIONALIST SOCIETY.  
HOWEVER, THE EDITORIAL COMPLIMENTS THE "POSITIVE ASPECTS"  
OF THE COMMUNIQUE, E.G., CONDEMNING THE "CRIMINAL POLICIES"  
OF "PROFESSIONAL AGITATORS" AND CALLING FOR A CLIMATE OF  
CIVILITY TO ESTABLISH DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. "EL COMERCIO"  
STATES THAT THE GOP SHARES THIS OBJECTIVE AND ADDS THAT THERE

IS NO RPT NO DOUBT THAT THE ARMED FORCES WILL RESTORE GUARANTEES  
TO NORAMALIZE THE ELECTORAL PROCESS AS SOON AS THEY CAN.

3. FINALLY, APRA TOLD US THAT UNNAMED MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES  
CONTACTED SOME APRA LEADERS IN PAST FEW DAYS TO FLOAT IDEA OF  
DROPPING CONSTITUENT ELECTIONS AND MOVING DIRECTLY TO GENERAL  
ELECTIONS. APRA ALLEGEDLY TURNED DOWN THE IDEA, EVIDENTLY  
PREFERRING TO STICK WITH THE MORALES POLITICAL PLAN.  
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